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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 2014**

Present: Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman
Stacia Libby, Selectman
Bruce M. Glowac, Selectman

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the Agenda with one addition under New Business, Farm Hill Estates. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the September 17th Minutes. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence

Paper Shredding Events Results

There was discussion on the comparison between the 2013 and 2014 paper shredding events.

Household Hazardous Waste

Mr. Needleman reported on the collection totals of September 20, 2014. Essex had 11 households participate and 13 Vehicles. Electronics are collected at all times in the bins.

CCM Prescription Discount Card Program

339 prescription claims have been processed since April 2013. Essex residents have saved \$13,600.

Public Announcements / Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Building Committee would be discussed at the end of the Board of Selectmen meeting under General Discussion.

Essex Fire Department 10 Year Plan Worksheet

There was discussion on the Essex Fire Engine Co., #1 proposed 10 year capital expenditures plan that was submitted on September 17, 2014.

Ivoryton Village – Main Street Investment Fund Grant

Ms. Libby had nothing new to report at this time but they are meeting with the Park and Recreation Commission tonight to discuss the project. There was discussion on holding a Public Informational Meeting sometime in November or December.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

Park and Recreation Commission are looking for a member.

Connecticut River Gateway Commission -

The Town is still looking for a volunteer for the Gateway Commission. It is a two (2) year term.

River Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission Is seeking a member

Harbor Management Commission

The Board of Selectmen must appoint an alternate member. It is a three (3) year term.

Conservation Commission

The First Selectman must appoint two alternate members. They are three (3) year terms.

Resolution – Personal Property Exemption for Horses and Ponies

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the Signatory Authorization Resolution (attached) to exempt from property valuation horses and ponies of any value. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Resolution – State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Authorization Resolution (attached). Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Farm Hill Estates

The Planning Commission made a motion at the October 9, 2014 meeting to recommend transfer of ownership of the emergency access land to the Town of Essex, with the request that pedestrian access be maintained. The Board of Selectmen did not want to honor this request because to allow pedestrian access over the land is useless because it doesn't connect to anything and the Farm Hill Lot Owner's Association will not agree to the request.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to decline to honor the request by the Planning Commission to allow that pedestrian access be maintained. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to accept the Quit-Claim Deed. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Traffic Authority

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to enter Traffic Authority. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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Walnut Street Bridge Weight Limit Restrictions

There was discussion regarding the condition of the Walnut Street Bridge and the weight limit. The State is recommending that the Town reduce the allowable weight limit over the bridge from 10 tons down to 3 tons. The Selectmen decided to keep the weight limit where it is now and to revisit after the next bridge inspection report.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to exit Traffic Authority. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Capital Committee

There was discussion on the presentation of the proposed capital plan to the Board of Finance. Stacia Libby and Bruce Glowac will be attending the next Board of Finance meeting to present the Capital Plan Report. A Public Hearing will be scheduled in November or December to present the Capital Plan.

The Fire Department

There was discussion on the 10 year Fire Department Plan. The current estimated budget transfers for the next 10 years will not meet the Fire Department needs in the next 10 years.

There was discussion on Sinking Funds, which are used to offset major purchases. Sinking Funds are not set up to fund purchases 100%, but to cushion the blow of a big ticket item. The idea is that when you get hit with a costly purchase, you have sinking funds to offset the cost.

The Fire Department Pumper needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Also the Fire Department SCBA bottles need to be replaced. There was discussion of allocating an additional \$600,000 into the Capital Plan for a fire truck.

Motion was made by Norman M. Needleman to approve and recommend to the Board of Finance the Capital Planning Report with the addition of \$600,000 designated for the future purchase of a fire truck by the Essex Fire Department. Estimated costs of needed improvements total approximately 8 million dollars and are recommended for financing through a bond issuance. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

The costs of improvements are described in detail in the Town of Essex Connecticut Building Committee Capital Planning Report that was presented to the Board of Selectmen in August, 2014. A copy of the report is available for review in the Finance Department.

Town Hall Awning

There was discussion on the Town Hall awning which will be installed by the end of the year.

Town Hall Railings

The Town Hall railings were installed on Monday. They will be painted black.

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Town Hall Sign

There was discussion on the new Town Hall sign in front of the building and the placement of the sign. There was discussion on reports of a site line issue. The Selectmen will keep the sign in the location it sits at this time and will revisit this placement or moving the sign if warranted.

No Cash Being Accepted At the Landfill

Reminder to everyone that today is the first day that Essex Landfill will no longer accept cash.

Punch Cards and Checking Stickers at the Dump

The landfill operators will now be approaching the cars and checking stickers and punching cards.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli



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Signatory Authorizing Resolution

I, Joel Marzi, duly qualified and Town Clerk of the Town of Essex, a municipality organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, do hereby certify that the following is a full and true copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Essex, duly held on the 1st of October, 2014, and is on file and of record, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Personal Property Exemption for Horses and Ponies

Be It Resolved, that to promote agricultural use of land and other resources and in particular the stabling, training, instructing and riding of horses and ponies, effective October 1, 2014, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after said date, and notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (68) of section 12-81 of the general statutes and section 12-91 of the general statutes, as amended by said Public Act No. 14-33, the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized acting as the statutorily designated legislative body at a regular board of selectmen meeting properly called for the purpose of determining taxation of horses and ponies stabled in Essex, to exempt from property valuation horses and ponies of any value by a vote of 3 members present and voting in the affirmative;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Town of Essex this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2014.

Joel Marzi, Town Clerk

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX

CERTIFICATION:

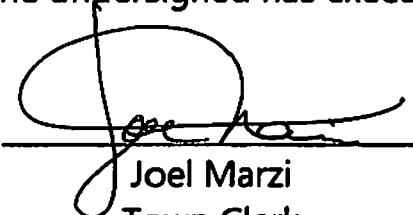
I, Joel Marzi, the Town Clerk of the Town of Essex, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Essex at its duly called and held meeting on October 1, 2014, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Essex may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Norman M. Needleman, as First Selectman of the Town of Essex, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Essex and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Norman M. Needleman now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since November 15, 2011.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 2nd day of October 2014.


Joel Marzi
Town Clerk

